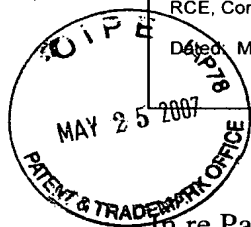


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 26, 2006, in the above-identified application in which all pending claims (7-14) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and/or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Godiska et al., U.S. Patent 5,759,804 in view of Shen et al., European Patent EP 0726310 A1.

This paper is accompanied by a Petition for a Two-Month extension of time and check in the amount of the requisite fee. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Marshall, Gerstein and Borun deposit account no. 13-2855.

Reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims are hereby requested for the following reasons.

**Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.